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## In this Ontario municipality, AI is coming for the garbage

CBC

A rural township in eastern Ontario is set to become the unlikely testing ground for whether artificial intelligence can help pick up the trash. The Township of South Stormont, sprawled along the St. Lawrence River northwest of Cornwall, provides weekly garbage pickup across some 300 kilometres of roads. [Read More](#)

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## Municipal strike averted in Sudbury as marathon talks produce tentative agreement

CTV News

Greater Sudbury said that a tentative agreement has been reached with the union representing about 500 outside workers. Members of CUPE Local 4705, which includes garbage collection and other city services, were in a legal strike position as of 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. But the deadline passed with no word from either side. [Read More](#)

## 'It's indefensible': Calls for Ontario housing minister's resignation follow Greenbelt report bombshell

CP24

Ontario's opposition parties are calling on the province's housing minister to step down after a report by the auditor general found the government's Greenbelt development plans were "biased" and "favoured" select developers. On Wednesday, Ontario auditor general Bonnie Lysyk released the findings of a value-for-money investigation into the government's plan to remove 15 areas from the protected Greenbelt to build 50,000 homes. [Read More](#)

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## Citing spike in hate, Pride groups call for safety plan from Ontario, Canada government

The Canadian Press via CBC

A coalition of Ontario Pride organizations called on the province Thursday to urgently work with them to develop a proactive safety plan to beat back a rising tide of anti-LGBTQ hate. Leaders from five Pride organizations, from Thunder Bay to Ottawa, said that in the absence of consistent funding and provincial support, Pride festivals are struggling against what some called unprecedented levels of hate. [Read More](#)

## Canadian military to remain key in natural disaster response, Blair says

The Canadian Press via Global News

Defence Minister Bill Blair says Canadians want to see the military come to their aid during natural disasters, and the Armed Forces will remain a key part of the government's response. Blair, who was moved from the Emergency Preparedness portfolio to head up Defence in last month's cabinet shuffle, has been involved in co-ordinating the federal government's response to various disasters. [Read More](#)

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## **As Region of Waterloo waits for provincial facilitator to be named, minister asks for patience**

CBC

It's been more than eight months since Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark announced a provincial facilitator would be named to review whether the Region of Waterloo "continues to be relevant." In an interview this week with CBC Kitchener-Waterloo's The Morning Edition host Craig Norris, Clark was unable to provide a timeline for when the facilitator would be named. [Read More](#)

## **Hundreds of homeless people sent to London from other Ontario cities this year: Deputy Mayor Lewis**

CTV News

Explosive allegations by the deputy mayor of London based on municipal data that shows people have arrived in the city from other municipalities during the first six months of 2023 seeking support services for homelessness. In a letter to council colleagues, Shawn Lewis adds that a quarter of those individuals claim they were sent here from other municipalities against their will or under the false pretense that housing and support services are more readily available in London. [Read More](#)

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## **Peterborough homeowners can soon add up to 2 additional residential units on lot**

Global News

Homeowners in Peterborough are one step closer to being permitted to add up to two residential units on their properties following endorsement from city council on Tuesday evening. Sitting as general committee, council endorsed a staff report that recommended amending a zoning bylaw first passed in 2018 that allowed up to one residential suite to double it to two "residential units," replacing the term "suites." [Read More](#)

## **Adverse possession and public parks: Ontario's top court splits on the 'public benefit' test**

Lexology

Can a private homeowner adversely possess municipal parkland in Ontario? According to the Court of Appeal's decision in *Kosicki v. Toronto (City)*, 2023 ONCA 450, the answer is "no," unless the municipality has acquiesced or waived its ownership. [Read More](#)

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Oct. 24 – [MFIPPA Processing Workshop](#)

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